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SUBJECT: LOAN TO NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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1. LITTELL APPOINTMENT AT MAERKISCHE MUSEUM WHICH DELAYED ONE WEEK DUE CODEL VISIT TOOK PLACE TODAY. ESCORTED BY FRAU DR. KUENTZ OF MUSEUM, LITTELL LOOKED AT PORTRAITS OFFERED. PHOTOS OF ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 16 AND WILL BE AIRMAILED UPON RECEIPT.

2 FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF PORTRAITS, WHICH PORTRAY ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FROM HIS TEENS TO OLD AGE:

A. FREIDHOF ENGRAVING-EXCELLENT CONDITION, PORTRAYING VON HUMBOLDT AS YOUNG SCIENTIST/BOTANIST IN HIS THIRTIES.

B. WINCKELMANN & SONS LITHOGRAPH-GOOD CONDITION: PORTRAYS HIM AS MATURE SCHOLAR IN HIS SIXTIES.

C. SCHROEDER-BOELLINGER ENGRAVING-GOOD CONDITION, BUT SMALL; PORTRAYS HIM AS YOUTH IN TEENS.

D. KRUEGER-BOLT ENGRAVING-GOOD CONDITION, BUT SMALL: PORTRAYS HIM IN HIS FORTIES.

E. TARDIEU-STEUBEN ENGRAVING-NEEDS RESTORATION WORK: PORTRAYS HIM IN HIS THIRTIES.

F. HILDEBRANT LITHOGRAPH-GOOD CONDITION AND INTERESTING CONTENT: PORTRAYS HIM IN HIS SIXTIES SITTING IN HIS LIBRARY.

G. BOILLY LITHOGRAPH-FAIR CONDITON, SMALL PORTRAIT OF HIM IN HIS FORTIES.

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H. WILDT LITHOGRAPH-EXCELLENT CONDITION AND

INTERESTING CONTENT; PORTRAYS HIM IN HIS FIFTIES.

I. GERARD ETCHING-GOOD CONDITION: PORTRAYS HIM
AS YOUNG MAN IN HIS TWENTIES.

J. AN ADDITIONAL LITHOGRAPH PORTRAIT BY ROHRBACH
DONE AFTER AN 1857 PHOTOGRAPH, IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION
AND PORTRAYS HIM AS OLD MAN IN HIS SEVENTIES.

3. ADVISE IF ADAMS PLANS FURTHER TRIP TO BERLIN FOR
PURPOSE OF SELECTION DESIRED ITEMS. GROVE

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